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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the DCI
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FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Chairman

SUBJECT: Alternate APEX Proposal

1. In your paper suggesting an alternate proposal
for implementation of APEX you suggest an organizational
structure to manage the system which you would have run
from the DCI Security Committee. You also take note of
the fact that some adjustment should be made to redefine
responsibilities for the operation of compartmentation
systems. I fully endorse your view.

2. At present, the COMIREX is charged to develop
"special security controls", and the SIGINT Committee
is tasked to prepare recommendations on the "degree and
type of security protection to be given COMINT, etc..."
and the Security Committee is only charged to "review special
security and compartmentation procedures" and to "develop
and recommend to the DCI...technical guidance for the
establishment, maintenance and improvement of coordinated
compartmentation systems". Such continued delineations of
authority would fail to allow the Security Committee to
adequately carry out its responsibility to develop and
manage the APEX system. I, therefore, feel it imperative
to seize upon the current opportunity to clearly spell that

out by having the DCI direct rewrite of the COMIREX,
SIGINT Committee and SECOM charters to establish such
primacy as resting with the SECOM.   The COMIREX and
SIGINT Committees would ordinarily continue to be in
control of what material would be compartmented, de-
compartmented or sanitized except in the case of challenge
when the Security Committee would have to serve as the
DCI arbiter.

    3.   Insofar as the need for additional resources
are concerned, we hope that you are factoring in the
need for secretarial support when you discuss the
suggested infusion of new personnel to implement APEX.

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